

House Resolution No. 1452

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Claude R. Bell took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Virginia R. Hinson, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony that was performed on February 2, 1957, in Dixon, Missouri; and

Whereas, five decades later Claude and Virginia Bell of Dixon observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on February 2, 2007; and

Whereas, the marital union of Claude and Virginia Bell has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Johnnie, Marlene, Mary, and Melissa; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, both Claude and Virginia Bell retired from Brown Shoe Company, with Claude working there for thirty years and Virginia for thirty-three; and

Whereas, Claude and Virginia Bell used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Claude and Virginia Bell during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Claude and Virginia Bell and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Claude and Virginia Bell of Dixon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative David Day
District No. 148

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1452, adopted March 27, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker